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1. Quorum of the committee shall be five (5) members.
2. The Chairperson shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
3. The Chairperson shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Subcommittees in turn shall have authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full committee at such time as shall be designated by the chairperson. All actions of any subcommittee shall be approved or disapproved by the standing Committee.
4. The committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the chairperson.
5. A bill or resolution will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or other legislator whom he or she may designate. The principal author shall be the legislator whose name appears first on the list of authors.
6. Any member or members of the committee who disagrees with the majority report of the committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
7. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the committee.
8. Bills and resolutions, at the option of the Chairman, may be acted on at the first reading.
9. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public in accordance with Senate Rule [1-5.1].
10. The Secretary of the Committee will have a copy of these rules distributed to all members of the Senate.
11. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern.

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2006

Time: 12:30 P. M.

Location: Room 307 LOB

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Douglas, 17th, Chairman

Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th

Senator Ed Tarver, 22nd

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING

Senator Brown, 26th

Senator Harbison, 15th

Senator Seth Harp, 29th

Senator Emanuel Jones, 10th

Senator Cecil Staton, 18th, Secretary

Senator Curt Thompson, 5th

Senator Ross Tolleson, 20th, Vice-Chair

Meeting was called to order at 12:36 by Senator Douglas, 17th, Chairman. Introduction of members and staff was made by Chairman Douglas, 17th. Senator Chance arrived at 12:45 p.m.

Oma Parnell, Chairman, NRV; Manis Long, State Commander, VFW; George Langford, VFW, Bob Pollard, American Legion; Charlie Knotts, American Legion; Dan Cravey, Service Officer, American Legion; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Edith Pye; and Commander Bobby Huggins of the Newton & Rockdale Disabled American Veterans were present. They briefed the committee on problems with the Veterans Administration Hospitals and problems with receiving adequate medical care, long wait time to receive appointment, rude employees and the rising costs of prescriptions.

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

/s/ Senator Cecil Staton, 18th District
Committee Secretary

/s/ Ethel R. Blackmon
Recording Secretary

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Time: 1:30 P. M.

Location: Room 307 CLOB

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Douglas, 17th, Chairman

Senator Ross Tolleson, 20th, Vice-Chair

Senator Ed Tarver, 22nd

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Senator Cecil Staton, 18th, Secretary

Senator Robert Brown, 26th

Senator Seth Harp, 29th

Senator Ed Harbison, 15th

Senator Emanuel Jones, 10th

Senator Curt Thompson, 5th

Meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by Chairman Douglas, 17th.

Senator Ronnie Chance joined the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Major, Ret. Dexter Brewer, presented a slide show on the current situation in Iraq that he made during his recent stay. He also commented on the well-being of the military personnel that are on duty in Iraq.

Major Brewer responded to questions from the committee members regarding the entire region.

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

/s/ Senator Cecil Staton, 18th District
Committee Secretary

/s/ Ethel R. Blackmon
Recording Secretary

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2006

Time: 2:30 P. M.

Location: Room 307 CLOB

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Douglas, 17th, Chairman

Senator Curt Thompson, 5th

Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th

Senator Emanuel Jones, 10th

Senator Ed Tarver, 22nd

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Senator Ross Tolleson, 20th, Vice Chair

Senator Robert Brown, 26th

Senator Seth Harp, 29th

Senator Ed Harbison, 15th

Senator Cecil Staton, 18th

Meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Chairman Douglas, 17th.

Col. Maria Britt, Chief of Staff for General Nesbitt, GaARNG, along with Lt. Col. Joyce and Major Hanson provided a briefing on the National Guard reorganization, under BRAC.

In responding to questions from committee members, Col. Britt explained that this reorganization will position all male units in more urban areas for better recruitment; maintain a state-wide presence; growing in urban areas to keep pace with demographics; and grow to strength of 10,200.

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

/s/ Senator Cecil Staton, 18th District
Committee Secretary

/s/ Ethel R. Blackmon
Recording Secretary

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2006

Time: 1:30 P. M.

Location: Room 307 CLOB

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Douglas, 17th, Chairman

Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th

Senator Emanuel Jones, 10th

Senator Ed Tarver, 22nd

Senator Cecil Staton, 18th

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Senator Robert Brown, 26th

Senator Seth Harp, 29th

Senator Harbison, 15th

Senator Curt Thompson, 5th

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairman Douglas, 17th.

The following legislation was considered:

SB 523. Grant 25th - relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles.

Chairman Douglas, 17th explained legislation to members.

Motion of “**Do Pass**” was made by Senator Staton, 18th and Seconded by Senator Jones, 10th. Vote carried unanimously

SB 538. Douglas 17th ~ License Plates, Special; supporting Global War on Terrorism and Iraqi Freedom; provide issuance; renewal; fees

Chairman Douglas, 17th explained legislation to members.

Motion of “**Do Pass**” was made by Senator Staton, 18th and Seconded by Senator Jones, 10th. Vote carried unanimously

SB 539. Douglas 17th ~ License Plates, Special; supporting Global War on Terrorism and Operation Enduring Freedom; provide issuance; renewal; fees

Chairman Douglas, 17th explained legislation to members.

Motion of **“Do Pass”** was made by Senator Staton, 18th and Seconded by Senator Jones, 10th. Vote carried unanimously.

SB 402. Jones 10th - relating to special license plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to create a free distinctive license plate for recipients of the Bronze Star

Senator Jones, 10th explained the legislation to members and responded to questions regarding the need for a fiscal note. Chairman Douglas questioned Sewell Brumby, regarding the need for a fiscal note.

Motion to **“Table”** was made by Senator Chance, 16th and seconded by Senator Staton, 18th until a fiscal note is received from the Department of Audits.

HR 1425. Wilkinson 52nd – Recognizing and Commending the United Services Organization on its 65th Anniversary; and other purposes.

Motion of **“Do Pass”** was made by Senator Staton, 18th and Seconded by Senator Jones, 10th. Vote carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

/s/ Senator Cecil Staton, 18th District
Committee Secretary

/s/ Ethel R. Blackmon
Recording Secretary

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, March 6, 2006

Time: 1:30 P. M.

Location: Room 307 CLOB

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Douglas, 17th, Chairman

Senator Ross Tolleson, 20th, Vice Chair

Senator Robert Brown, 26th

Senator Emanuel Jones, 10th

Senator Ed Tarver, 22nd

Senator Cecil Staton, 18th

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Senator Seth Harp, 29th

Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th

Senator Ed Harbison, 15th

Senator Curt Thompson, 5th

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairman Douglas, 17th.

The following legislation was considered:

SB 402. Jones 10th - relating to special license plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to create a free distinctive license plate for recipients of the Bronze Star

Senator Jones, 10th explained the legislation to members and provided information regarding the fiscal note received from the Department of Audits.

Motion of **“Do Pass by Substitute”** was made by Senator Brown, 26th and Seconded by Senator Tarver, 22nd. Vote carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

/s/ Senator Cecil Staton, 18th District
Committee Secretary

/s/ Ethel R. Blackmon
Recording Secretary

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2006

Time: 5:00 P. M.

Location: Room 307 CLOB

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Douglas, 17th, Chairman
Senator Ross Tolleson, 20th, Vice Chair
Senator Curt Thompson, 5th
Senator Ed Tarver, 22nd
Senator Cecil Staton, 18th

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th
Senator Seth Harp, 29th
Senator Ed Harbison, 15th
Senator Emanuel Jones, 10th

Meeting was called to order at 4:57 p.m. by Chairman Douglas, 17th.

Senator Ed Tarver joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

The following legislation was considered:

SR 1127. Douglas, 17th – Urging the U. S. Department of Defense to Maintain the Commissary and PX at Fort Gillem

Chairman Douglas, 17th explained the legislation to members. He stated that with the closing of the bases there would not be a commissary or PX services available to members of the military or veterans in the Metro Atlanta area.

Motion of “**Do Pass**” was made by Senator Tolleson, 20th and Seconded by Senator Tarver, 22nd. Vote carried unanimously.

HB 988. Hill, 180th – Create the war of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

Representative Cecily Hill explained the purpose of this legislation to committee members.

Motion of “**Do Pass by Substitute**” was made by Senator Tarver and seconded by Senator Staton. Vote carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

/s/ Senator Cecil Staton, 18th District
Committee Secretary

/s/ Ethel R. Blackmon
Recording Secretary